

State K-3 Policies

For those states with third-grade retention policies, is parental engagement required?

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At least 20 states that either require or allow grade retention also require parents to be engaged in the retention process. Parental engagement can range from notification of retention to involvement in the retention and intervention process.

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STATE ▲	FOR THOSE STATES WITH THIRD-GRADE RETENTION POLICIES, IS PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT REQUIRED?	CITATION
Alabama	Yes, notification.	Ala. Code § 16-6G-5
Alaska	Yes, information on retention policies and intervention strategies must be shared with parents.	Alaska Stat. Ann. § 14.03.072
Arizona	Yes, input.	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-701
Arkansas	N/A	
California	Yes, notification and input.	Cal. Educ. Code § 48070.5

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Colorado	Yes, notification, information and input.	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 22-7-1205
Connecticut	Yes, notification and information.	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 10-265g
Delaware	Yes, notification, input and appeal.	Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 153
District of Columbia	Not specified in statute or regulation.	
Florida	Yes, notification and information.	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1008.25
Georgia	Yes, notification and appeal.	Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-283
Hawaii	N/A	
Idaho	N/A	
Illinois	Not specified in statute or regulation.	
Indiana	Yes, notification and information.	511 Ind. Admin. Code 6.2-3.1-5
Iowa	N/A	
Kansas	N/A	
Kentucky	N/A	
Louisiana	N/A	
Maine	N/A	
Maryland	Not specified in statute or regulation.	

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Massachusetts	N/A	
Michigan	Yes, notification, information and input.	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 380.1280f
Minnesota	Yes, notification, information and input.	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 120B.12
Mississippi	Yes, input.	Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-177-11
Missouri	Not specified in statute or regulation.	
Montana	N/A	
Nebraska	N/A	
Nevada	Yes, notification.	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 392.765
New Hampshire	N/A	
New Jersey	Not specified in statute or regulation.	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:35-4.9
New Mexico	Not specified in statute or regulation.	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-2C-6
New York	N/A	
North Carolina	Yes, notification and information.	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 115C-83.9
North Dakota	N/A	
Ohio	Yes, notification and information.	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3313.608

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Oklahoma	Yes, notification and information.	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 70, § 1210.508C
Oregon	N/A	
Pennsylvania	N/A	
Rhode Island	N/A	
South Carolina	Yes, notification and appeal.	S.C. Code Ann. § 59-155-160
South Dakota	N/A	
Tennessee	Not specified in statute or regulation	
Texas	Yes, notification and appeal.	Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 28.021
Utah	N/A	
Vermont	N/A	
Virginia	N/A	
Washington	Yes, notification.	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28A.655.230
West Virginia	Not specified in statute or regulation.	
Wisconsin	N/A	
Wyoming	N/A	